

TBCCEDP

**Tennessee Breast & Cervical
Cancer Early Detection Program**



**Early Detection
Is Your Best Protection!**



The Tennessee Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program is committed to reducing breast and cervical cancer in Tennessee. Preventive health care is your best protection against cancer.

We encourage all women to take time out for breast and cervical cancer screenings. If you would like additional information about the program or staying healthy with proper screening services, call your local health department, NCI or TBCCEDP.

**Don't put it off –
call for an
appointment today!!!**



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**FREE Mammograms
& Pap Smears**
(for eligible women)

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TENNESSEE BREAST & CERVICAL CARE PROGRAM
A Division of the Tennessee Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

Tennessee Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (TBCCEDP)

TBCCEDP partners with local health departments, and other health care providers in Tennessee to provide the following breast and cervical cancer screening services for eligible women:

- **Clinical Breast Examinations (CBEs)**
- **Mammograms**
- **Cervical Cancer Screenings**
- **Office Visits**



For more information or an appointment call:

Or call the National Cancer Institute
(NCI) at:

1-800-4CANCER
(1-800-422-6237)

Or call TBCCEDP on our toll-free line at:

1-877-96WOMEN
(1-877-969-6636)



Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Program



BREAST HEALTH

More than 180,000 women get breast cancer each year. In Tennessee, more than 3,800 cases are found each year; there were 857 deaths in the year 2000. Unfortunately, the death rate continues to rise despite the availability of free health care services.

Some groups of women are at higher risk for breast cancer than others, these include women over 40 years old and women who have had a child after age 30. Routine breast cancer screenings (CBEs), which are performed by your doctor and mammograms (breast x-rays), may allow the detection of cancer at its early stage.

You are eligible for a free breast screening if you meet general eligibility guidelines* and:

- Are ages 50 to 64
- Are ages 40 to 49 and have one of the following:
 - A mother, daughter, or sister with breast cancer
 - A personal history of breast cancer
 - A clinical breast exam result that is positive or abnormal
- Are ages 18 to 39 and have one or more of the following symptoms:
 - Breast lump(s)
 - Nipple discharge
 - Skin changes
 - Nipple changes

(Women under 40 with one or more of the above symptoms must be prior authorized for services by calling the central office.)

*** Do not have insurance, your insurance does not pay for this service, and meet income guidelines**

CERVICAL HEALTH

Cervical cancer, which affects the lower part of a woman's reproductive system, is one of the most common cancers found in women in the United States. There are 15,000 new cases each year, which result in more than 5,000 deaths. An average of 400 new cases are found in Tennessee every year.

Studies have found that a number of activities can contribute to a woman getting cervical cancer, including having sexual intercourse with many partners and cigarette smoking. However, the good news is that cervical cancer is nearly 100% curable if it is found early.

You are eligible for a free cervical cancer screening if you meet general eligibility guidelines* and:

- Are ages 40 to 64
- Are ages 18 to 39 and
 - Are in need of further diagnostic services (after the initial Pap results are received)

